



## **Written Examinations in California Law and Ethics (2/08)**

Effective in 2005, all applicants for RDH and RDHAP licensure must take and pass written California Dental Law and Ethics examinations. The examinations will be administered to RDH candidates on the same day as the clinical examination. The examinations will be administered to RDHAP candidates soon after graduation from their RDHAP educational program.

### **Examination in California Law**

The Examination in California Dental Law is a written multiple-choice examination consisting of 25 questions. An examinee must obtain a grade of 75% to pass the examination (correctly answer 19 of the 25 questions). The examination contains questions in the following areas:

1. Licensing and Renewal – 3 questions
2. Allowable Duties – 9 questions
3. Infection Control – 5 questions
4. Additional Patient Protection Issues – 8 questions

### **Examination in Ethics**

The Examination in Ethics is a written multiple-choice examination consisting of 20 questions. An examinee must obtain a grade of 75% to pass the examination (correctly answer 15 of the 20 questions). The examination contains questions in some or all of the following areas:

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| 1. Patient selection                  | 7. Informed consent                               |
| 2. Confidentiality of patient records | 8. Interaction between dental personnel           |
| 3. Justifiable criticism              | 9. Ethical behavior in a managed care environment |
| 4. Emergency service                  | 10. Sexual harassment                             |
| 5. Chemical dependency                | 11. Child abuse recognition and reporting         |
| 6. Advertising                        |                                                   |

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**References** - Following is a list of publications that may help examinees prepare for the written examinations.

**Dental Practice Act** - Visit the COMDA website at [www.comda.ca.gov](http://www.comda.ca.gov) for current Statutes and Regulations.

**American Dental Hygienists' Association Code of Ethics** – [www.adha.org/aboutadha/codeofethics.htm](http://www.adha.org/aboutadha/codeofethics.htm)

**American Dental Association Code of Ethics** – [www.ada.org/prof/prac/law/code/index.asp](http://www.ada.org/prof/prac/law/code/index.asp)